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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

As a small business we rely heavily on the internet and because of this need, we have been the customers of AT&T, Comcast and now Sonic. The reason why we switched to Sonic is because they didnt play games with us. Both AT&T and Comcast held us hostage by offering us fast internet speed but then after about a year they slowed down to the point that we couldnt sufficiently run our business. Both answered with a higher priced package that will fulfill our needs even though they were fulfilling our needs when we first signed up with them. Sonic comes along and gives us a reasonably priced package and doesnt mess with our speed. Everyone gets the same and you dont need to lay out more and more money to get what you were getting at the beginning. It is imperative that we allow companies like Sonic to be able to offer their products alongside the bigger companies. We need fair competition or well all end up hostages to the big corporations.

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